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AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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TAGS: PINS, PFOR, LE, US

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN BEIRUT

1. AS OF 1530 LOCAL, CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY 15,000  
AROUND GRAND MOSQUE IN CITY CENTER WAS REPORTEDLY  
BEING SWELLED BY LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE  
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CONVERGING ON THAT AREA FROM ALL DIRECTIONS ON FOOT, IN TRUCKS AND BUSES. WE UNDERSTAND ARMED FEDAYEEN ARE TURNING OUT IN STRENGTH (3-400), MANY IN VEHICLES CARRYING VARIETY OF MEDIUM WEAPONS, AND ARE EVEN ATTEMPTING DIRECT TRAFFIC AT CROWDED INTERSECTIONS. SOME SAIQA UNITS REPORTED PRESENT, IN UNIFORM. ( AT SAME TIME, OTHER SMALLER DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTEDLY TAKING PLACE IN OTHER PARTS OF TOWN.) MASSIVE COMBINED FUNERAL PROCESSION HAS NOW FORMED AND IS MARCHING TO SUBURBAN CEMETARY, WHERE BURIAL OF DEAD FEDAYEEN LEADERS WILL PROBABLY BE COMPLETED AT APPROXIMATELY 1700.

2. TEMPER OF CROWDS STILL REPORTED AS FAIRLY UGLY, ALTHOUGH WE GATHER BULK OF CHANTING AND SLOGANEERING BEING DIRECTED AGAINST GOL, LEBANESE ARMY AND LEBANESE " REACTIONARY" POLITICAL LEADERS. REPORTEDLY THERE IS LITTLE DIRECT CRITICISM OF USG, ALTHOUGH " REACTIONARIES" AND " IMPERIALISTS" ARE BEING EXCORIATED.

3. IN ADDITION TO EMBASSY SECURITY PROVIDED BY GOL SINCE KHARTOUM OPERATION, ONE LIGHT TANK AND 65 LEBANESE ARMY TROOPS ARE NOW POSITIONED AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS AROUND EMBASSY, WITH SOME ON NEAR-BY ROOFTOPS. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED MORE ARE AVAILABLE, ON VERY SHORT NOTICE, SHOULD CROWD BEGIN MOVE TOWARD EMBASSY. VICINITY EMBASSY IS QUIET AT PRESENT. BUFFUM

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